गांवों में दूरभाष सुविधा

84. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:**
डा० बापू कालदाते:

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के छोटे-छोटे गांवों में भी दूरभाष सुविधायें उपलब्ध करायी गयी हैं लेकिन इन गांवों के लोग न तो जिला दूरभाष केन्द्र से संपर्क कर सकते हैं और न ही दूसरे राज्यों के लोगों के साथ ट्रंक काल से सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार प्रत्येक तहसील को एस टी डी सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने और साथ ही प्रत्येक तहसील के अंतर्गत आने वाले उप दूरभाष केन्द्रों को एक ही दूरभाष केन्द्र के अंतर्गत लाने के लिए कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है जिससे देश में प्रत्येक दूरभाष को एसटीडी सुविधा से जोड़ा जा सकेगा;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू): (क) यह सच है कि पंचायत वाले ग्रामों में टेलीफोन सुविधा प्रदान की जा रही है। ऐसे ग्रामों के लोग जिला टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज अथवा अन्य राज्यों के लोगों से ट्रंक कालों तथा ग्रुप डायलिंग के माध्यम से संपर्क स्थापित कर सकते हैं।

(ख) और(ग) 8 वीं योजना के मसौदा प्रस्तावों में 8वीं योजना अवधि के अन्त तक (मार्च 97 तक) देश के सभी टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों में राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता डायलिंग सुविधा प्रदान करने का विचार है। तथापि 8वीं योजना के मसौदा प्रस्तावों के अनुसार देश के सभी तहसील मुख्यालयों को मार्च, 1995 तक एस०टी०डी० सुविधा प्रदान करने की योजना है।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

S.T.D. facilities in Assam

85. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of towns in Assam provided with STD facility, so far; and

(b) what are the names of major towns in Assam scheduled to be provided with STD facility during the year 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Twentyfive towns in Assam are provided with STD facility.

(b) Dergaon, Dhekiajuli, Doomdoom, Kamalbari, Lala, Naharkatia, Rangapara, Biswanath Charali.

Setting up of Post Offices in rural areas of Assam

86. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the yardstick for selecting the areas for setting up of a rural post office in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the factor of distance and ratio of population has not been taken into account in Assam while setting up a rural post office;

(c) whether it is also a fact that vast areas inhabited by a large population are deprived of postal facilities in Assam; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to set up new post offices in rural areas of Assam during the year of 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The norms for opening Post Offices in rural areas are given in the Statement attached. [*See* below]

(b) No Sir, the norms of population and distance have generally been adhered to while opening rural post offices in Assam.

(c) and (d) The average population served, as per 1981 Census and distance covered by a Post Office in Assam as on 1.4.91 is 5,287 persons and 20.84 Sq. Kms. as compared to the all India average of 4,607 persons and 22.10 Sq Kms. respectively. Though the Postal Network in Assam is slightly lower than the national average, in terms of population served and distance covered, no area is really deprived of postal facilities as the existing network caters to the total requirement of the State. Efforts are however, being made to progressively increase the number of Post Offices in successive Annual Plans including the Annual Plan for 1992-93.

Statement

Yardstick for Selecting the Areas for setting up a Rural Post office in the country

(i) **Population**

(a) In normal areas:—
3000 population in a group of villages (including the proposed post office village);

(b) In hilly, tribal, desertand inaccessible areas:—
500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

(ii) **Distance**

(a) In normal areas:—
The minimum distance from the existing post office will be 3 kms;

(b) In hilly, tribal, desert and inaccessible areas:—
The distance limit will be the same as above except that in hilly areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

(iii) **aniticipated income:**

(a) In normal area:—
The minimum anticipated income will be 33⅓% of cost;

(b) In hilly, tribal, desert and incaccessible areas:—
The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

Replacement of existing Telephone Instruments by Push Button ones

87. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of push button telephones that have been procured or are proposed to be procured by different Circles/DOT from private manufacturers of the country in the near future;

(b) what is the number of push button telephones provided, so far in Gujarat and Orissa; and

(c) what is the time frame within which the existing telephone instruments will be replaced by push-button telephones in the country and in Gujarat and Orissa Circle?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) (i) 24.46 lakhs EPBT Instruments procured upto December, 1991.

(ii) Orders for 5.45 Lakhs EPBT instruments are under issue.

(b) (i) Gujarat—128015 Nos.
(ii) Orissa—9050 Nos.

(c) All the existing old type of Telephone Instruments are expected to be replaced by March, 1994 in Gujarat and Orissa Telecom. Circle and within next 5 years in the country.

Delivery of mail in Bombay, Pune, Nagpur and Sholapur

88. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been decided by the Postal authority not to deliver mail at doorsteps in Greater Bombay, Pune, Nagpur and Sholapur;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representations protesting against the above decision have been received from the residents of the cities; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir, Mail Delivery Order, 1991 requires all addressees in multi-storeyed buildings except those residing at the ground floor to provide mail boxes for delivery of un-registered mail addressed to them. However, transitory relaxation has been permitted in implementation of the order to allow continuance of door delivery to addressees who have not yet been able to provide the box so as to enable smooth transition. The above position holds goods for Greater Bombay, Pune, Nagpur and Sholapur also.